



George Moss Cook

December 15, 1918 - March 11, 2009

George Moss Cook departed this life to be with the Lord on March 11, 2009. Born on December 15, 1918 in Frankston, Texas, to Della and Madison Cook, he lived his early life in East Texas.

George served in the 416th Bomb Group of the 9th Air Force as an aerial gunner and flew 62 combat missions over France and Germany during World War II. He achieved the rank of staff sergeant and received the Purple Heart three days before D-Day. Upon returning from the war in 1945, he worked in the insurance business in Washington, D.C. as a claims adjuster and married Elizabeth Garrison in 1946. Together they had two children, Carolyn and Philip. The family lived in Falls Church, Virginia until moving in 1961 to San Antonio, Texas, where George went to work for USAA.

George was an excellent father and model to his children, serving in various coaching and sponsoring capacities through their formative years. He lost his beloved wife Elizabeth to cancer in 1971. However, he was fortunate to meet Toppo Glodt in the next few years, and they married in 1981. George and Toppo had many wonderful years together until her death in 2001.

George is remembered by his family as a positive individual who was infallibly cheerful and good-natured. He loved music, played the piano by ear, and was a much-sought-after dance partner. An avid walker and gym enthusiast even into his 80's, he was able to walk circles around those who were much younger. He enjoyed doing good things for others and was generous in his support of worthwhile causes. He wanted to be remembered as a good

Christian and was active in his church, serving over the years as usher, Sunday school superintendent, and Emmaus community member. A devoted patriot, he was active in the San Antonio chapter of the Order of the Purple Heart, serving as chaplain for several years. He loved to travel, and he and wife Toppo organized numerous Educational Opportunities travel groups to Europe, Israel, Egypt, and destinations in the US.

George is survived by his son, Philip Garrison Cook and wife Margaret of San Antonio, his daughter, Carolyn Cook Wietzel and husband Armond of Austin, and two grandchildren, Emily Wietzel of San Diego, California and Grant Wietzel of Phoenix, Arizona, as well as relatives in East Texas and other parts of the state. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Alamo Heights Methodist Church, the Alzheimer's Association, or the charity of your choice.

SERVICES

A funeral service will be held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 11:00 am in the Garden Chapel of Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, San Antonio with Rev. Donna Strieb officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Dear Cook Family:

It is with deepest sadness that I extend my condolences to you on the loss of your beloved.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, I am sincerely thankful for his valiant service and dedic

Senator Leticia Van de Putte - March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Dear CArolyn, Your father was a fantastic role model for you and your brother. I can tell this both by reading about him in his obituary, and more importantly, by knowing you. He must have been very proud of his daughter; the teacher, loving wife and mot

Gayle and Mark Rolland - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Carolyn, I did not know your dad but I do know the beautiful daughter he and your mother raised, so I know he must have been a principled, compassion man who blessed many.
John's and my thoughts, prayers and love are with you. Betty Avant

Betty Avant - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Wietzel and Cook family members. We were honored to represent many Bethany UMC members at the service for George.

Paul & Gayle Calmes - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Carolyn and Family,
We are thinking of you in the loss of your Dad. He was a very special person and was fortunate to be greatly loved by his family and friends.

Jack and Diane Pegues - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I worked w/George @ Frank B Hall in the late 70's early 80's. He was a great guy & very much a Gentleman. I bought a 2 door Maroon Olds Cutlass from him. I always admired the car & he knew it, so when he was ready for a new one he offered it to me. Althou

Jerry Boles - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dad, you will always be in our heart of hearts. Our memories of you are sweet and funny--we remember your easygoing personality, love of others, and love for God. May the angels bear you up to your Lord and all the family members who are waiting for you

Carolyn Wietzel - March 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM